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"THE FISHERS"

By J. R. LUNDIE

Some fishers of men went out one day a-fishing
And casting their nets in a sin-troubled sea.
Deep down in my heart and my soul I was wishing
Away from the sound of God's Word I could flee.
I had no desire for their God or His teaching
But the glitter and glare of the world and its glee.
I shunned all the places of prayer and of preaching.
Earth's pleasures had much more attraction for me.

The fishers who cast forth the nets were a mission
Close banded together God's Word to proclaim.
A big draught of souls was their earnest ambition
To publish to perishing sinners His fame.
My heart it was carnal and even embittered—
Till God in His mercy looked down from above.
The things I loved most that once dazzled and glistened
Have now lost their lustre for God and His love.

Since trusting, I pray for that wonderful mission
That showed me my folly, my need and my loss,
That lifted me down from my worldly position
And pointed my way to the foot of the Cross.
I was there I met Jesus. Ah, well I remember
His eyes fixed upon me, I could not withstand,
I wept at His feet. Me, a fast-dying ember,
He plucked from the burning with merciful hand.

Now, praise be to God for His soul-seeking mission
Whom once I despised, but for whom I now pray.
I thank Thee, dear Lord, that I came to contrition
And honour the Fishers that turned me that way.
Since now I have Christ, I am satisfied fully.
We broke every fetter and loosed every chain.
His love sought me out, so estranged and unruly.
His blood bought my pardon, and purged every stain.

SOME STRANGE THING

By Pastor E. W. Storie

The Apostle Peter, on the day of Pentecost, explained the manifestation of the Spirit to the multitude that had gathered together at Jerusalem, when it became noised abroad that some strange thing was taking place in the temple. The people were amazed and were in doubt, saying one to another, "What meaneth this?" Others mocking said, "These men are full of new wine." (Acts 2:12-13.) Therefore, Peter said to them, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." (Joel 2:28-32.) "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be delivered. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call." This is Peter's message to the amazed multitude.

The modern Christian has cast aside the manifestation of the Spirit of God and informs us that it is not for today, but we have the words of the inspired Apostle, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Any Bible student will readily see that the above scripture includes the whole Dispensation of Grace, from the day of Pentecost until the return of the Lord Jesus as the King of Israel. First, as we mentioned before, we have Peter's declaration that "This is that." (Some strange thing.) The manifestations of the Spirit and the speaking in tongues on the day of Pentecost was only the beginning of the fulfilment of this wonderful prophecy, and it shows that the latter part will have its culmination in the "great and terrible day of the Lord". Therefore, to say that the first part would pass away before the last

part was fulfilled is too absurd a thought to ask an unbiased mind to believe. We know too well how dark the mind can become when it is filled with its own traditions. Be sure that you study the Word of God with an open mind—one that is open for truth will always find it, because the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you into all truth, but the Holy Spirit cannot lead a person who is determined to go his own way and follow his own line of thinking. Those who make a study of prophecy know that the last part of this prophecy will be fulfilled when the great tribulation comes upon this world. Therefore the speaking in tongues will continue until that very time. The Apostle has said, "For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

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It is remarkable how the devil inspires modernists to fight the truth and causes them to use scripture to prove their statements. We would like to call to your attention a portion of scripture which is frequently used to prove that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the speaking in other tongues has passed away. In I Cor. 13:8, we find the clause, "whether there be tongues, they shall cease". Anyone will quickly notice that this statement is not complete, but the modernists take a portion of a verse out of its setting to confound hungry people. They are as the Pharisees of Jesus' day. "They neither go in themselves nor allow others to enter into the kingdom." These hypocrites are aware of their mistake when they make use of the scripture in such a fashion,

because they boast in their education and learning. They are afraid to finish the scripture, which says, "whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away". This is also prophecy which will have its fulfilment in the great and terrible day of the Lord.

Let us continue to read in this 13th chapter of I Corinthians, and see when these things shall pass away. Verses 9 and 10 tell us, "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Just imagine a minister of the gospel dividing this verse in two parts, in order to prove that tongues have ceased, when the context proves it to be the very opposite, reading that these things will pass away "when that which is perfect is come". No man can say that we are living in a time which is perfect, with the nations of the World preparing for war. Is this the perfect time? Men are pulling the Bible to pieces to avoid the truth. Peter has said, "This is that," and it is for as many as the Lord our God shall call. All the unbelief and gainsaying of the modernist will never prevent the Lord from pouring the Spirit on the believer. The scripture still stands, "He that believeth on Me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him shall receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:38-39.) Who can say that this experience is not for the believer today? Has not Jesus been glorified ever since the day of the resurrection? Was He not the High Priest entering in with blood of the everlasting covenant? Was He not, too, the first fruits of the harvest, as recorded in Lev. 23:10-11, and the fulfillment in I Cor. 15:23?

The church was started on the day of the resurrection, as this was the beginning of the harvest. Who then, will say that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was for the starting of the Church? The harvest had begun when Jesus said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost", John 20:22, because the wave sheaf had been waved before the Lord,

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Field Reports

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REGINA, SASK.

Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89.

On May 29th the evening service was conducted by members of the Gideons. They gave an impressive outline of their work, reviewing the years of their effort, showing how that from a small beginning it has grown to be a great work.

On Sunday morning, June 12th, we were pleased to have Rev. and Mrs. R. Dean of Victoria, B.C., with us. Brother Dean brought the message and our hearts were thrilled and blessed under the ministry of this anointed servant of God.

In the evening service, Rev. C. Ball of Toronto, Ontario, was the speaker. There was a deep sense of the Spirit of God. Souls responded and sought the Lord.

Pastor G. E. Brooks and
E. W. Storie.

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.

We are rejoicing over the good day of fellowship enjoyed by all at the Rally Day, on May 23rd. Our visiting brethren and sisters were a blessing to us as we worshipped the Lord together.

Brother and Sister Kosick came down for the day and along with them Brother and Sister Irvin Ellis and Sister Christensen. Our afternoon meeting began at 2:30 with visiting folk from Brooks, Alta., and our Brother and Sister Ken Stevenson along with local saints enjoying to the full the musical and vocal numbers and Brother Kosick's God-inspired message.

After fellowship around the supper of natural food prepared by ladies of the Assembly, we assembled for the evening meeting at 7:30. Our church was well filled not just with people but with the very presence of the Master as Brother Stevenson led us in the

song service. We could drink in the ministry in song and music of our visiting folk.

Brother Kosick brought a message that stirred the hearts of all present. We truly believe something was accomplished during the evening service that will count for time and eternity. A real old-fashioned consecration scene of men and women weeping before God and almost the entire group in attendance kneeling before our Lord makes us realize that a contrite and humble heart He will not despise. I want to express my thanks to each one who made this day possible and especially to Him whose presence hallowed the day.

Pastor M. S. MacKenzie.

To the End Times and Co-Workers:

Must write and tell you all how much the Keddleston Camp means to us. The children and I were there the second year, and God so wonderfully anointed me with the Holy Ghost and I have preached it ever since. So three years ago, my husband received it and last year my daughter, 13, received the Holy Ghost and my boy, 10 years, and both were baptized in the beautiful lake; also two of my nieces were baptized with the Holy Ghost. I praise and thank God for Keddleston Gospel Camp and the work that is going on there and what it has meant to my own life and soul. These few words cannot express the appreciation I have for the camp, and the fellowship we have there amongst Christians which feels like a touch of heaven.

Yours in His Service,
Mrs. V. H.

VANCOUVER RALLY A GREAT SUCCESS

Our annual rally, May 23, proved a blessing to all present, as the glory cloud hovered over the camp of Israel of old, so did the presence

of the Lord hover over us the entire day.

Ministers were present from across the line, Vancouver Island, New Westminster and Surrey. We were glad to have Rev. Robert Dawson, formerly of Moose Jaw, Sask., with us for the afternoon and evening services. We also enjoyed his testimony and Brother Dawson was able to meet a number of his old friends.

Pastor R. E. Cochrane of Port Alberni brought a very timely message in the morning, after which we gathered around the table of the Lord in the breaking of bread. The afternoon came to a close as Rev. C. S. Currie brought a very rich message on who Jesus is, and commented on our success as we were celebrating our first anniversary in our church home. One of the highlights of the day was when Brother Charles Witts gave his testimony how he was crippled and had to be in a wheel chair and while listening to a minister of the gospel proclaiming that Christ is still the Healer of His people, the power of the Lord struck his crippled body, making him fully whole. Brother Witts told us of the highlights of the pioneering days when he worked with Brother C. C. Upshall in spreading the gospel in northern Alberta.

The ladies of the assembly served lunch at 5:30 p.m.

Then the day was climaxed in the evening when Rev. John Smith, formerly of Belfast, Ireland, now of Seattle, Wash., brought a very stirring message to all.

"To God be the glory, great things He has done."

Pastor Wm. G. Thompson.

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THE CHURCH IS LIKE A BEE-HIVE FILLED WITH WILLING FOLK—SOME WILLING TO WORK AND SOME WILLING TO LET THEM.



FRENCH WEST AFRICA

In a matter of two or three weeks' time, we will be leaving Leo and moving to Karrou, a bush village well back off the beaten trail, where the Hildebrandts are building a new station. It is about 40 miles from Leo, but Leo is still the Post Office, being the closest office to Kassou. We will be moving into the village rest house, a mud hut with thatched grass roof built for Africans passing through to spend the night. We will be helping with the building and later, during the worst of the wet season, will be in charge of the station as the Hildebrandts go to Bobo for a time. We will be helping start village meetings as well. There has been little progress so far there in this respect due to the lack of a native interpreter.

This is an urgent need on the field and we have been requesting prayer that some competent French-speaking natives will be found that will enable the work of the Lord to be furthered.

God has been continually giving health and strength and the Doctor was very pleased at the way my walking was improving. We would still appreciate prayer, though, as he is not satisfied that the paralysis of the lower abdomen is clearing as it should. We know that the Lord is able to undertake for that even as He has for the rest. Progress seems to be very slow and it is hard to be patient sometimes. I guess it is that we are in a hurry and the Lord isn't. We are supposed to let patience have her perfect work. From a medical point of view, however, progress has been very and amazingly rapid, and that is reason enough to rejoice in the Lord.

The Kings.

PRAISE FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS

"His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is

thy faithfulness!" Another month has passed into eternity and in it we have again proved the faithfulness of our God. Truly His faithfulness reaches unto the clouds. There is no limit to His faithfulness. Although this past month brought sorrow, it was another time in which to prove his faithfulness. When I received the cable telling me of the sudden death of my brother-in-law in a car accident, the longing to be with my sister in this time of great sorrow would have been hard to bear had it not been for the sweet peace that Jesus gave. Truly He never fails! And I praise Him for the wonderful way He has upheld my sister. Truly the Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

At present we are in the Hills in Kodaikanal where we will be spending the next six or seven weeks. The heat on the Plains has been very extreme ever since the first of February this year, so it is a blessing to get into the cooler climate of the hills. Already we feel refreshed in body and we are looking forward to some good spiritual meetings with the group of Pentecostal missionaries who come to this Hill Station.

I believe I will tell you about an experience which I had the week before we left to come to the hills. I was doing House Visitation in Varapally one Tuesday afternoon as usual and I got lost. I had visited several homes some distance from the main road. I had walked across several paddy "rice" fields and crossed a stream on a narrow log. Finally a little boy said he would show me the way to another house where the woman had asked me to visit. He took me in such a way that I lost my sense of direction altogether, but wasn't worried as I thought he would lead me back again. But a storm came up—a terrible wind and finally it just poured like monsoon rain, and thundered and the lightening was very bad. The little boy went back home and I started out for the

main road in what I thought was the right direction but soon realized that I was completely lost. I walked for miles enquiring whenever I saw anyone the way to the main road. Finally I reached a main road but it was not the road I was looking for. I didn't know where I was but took a bus that came along and they took me into the town which was about a mile from Varapally where the car was and where Sister Ashley was. She had been having the Children's meeting there while I was doing house visitation. So finally I got another bus which took me to our building there. I was exhausted and wet to the skin. It was a new experience and one I hope I do not encounter again. It was nearly dark when I reached my destination, and I truly praise the Lord for His faithfulness in getting me out to civilization before dark as it would have been very dangerous because of snakes, etc. But again the Lord was faithful.

The Indian workers are carrying on our work while we are here in the hills so please pray much for them that God will give them a real burden and use them for His glory.

Now I must close, wishing you all the blessing of the Lord and thanking you for your prayers and gifts.

Yours in Christ,
Sisters Ashley and Steeves.
(Written by Sister Steeves)

CHRIST IS PRECIOUS

A. L. Forster

He is precious, He is loving
To His children everywhere,
Always ready with an answer
When they come to Him in prayer.
When life's burdens grow so heavy
That they stumble on the road
Jesus, the great Burden Bearer
Asks to carry all the load.

When the sky is clouded often
And our eyes with tears grow dim,
He is near each blow to soften
And we go for help to Him,
Or perchance if days are sunny
And no clouds are in the sky
He is smiling always near us,
Watching us with loving eyes.

When our dearest friends distress us
And refuse to understand,
He is ever near to bless us
Reaching down His loving hand.
So dear friends why should we worry?
Christ our Saviour loves His own
And is always quick to answer
Every call sent to His throne.

WHY TEMPTATION?

Mrs. Alice Botha

Since childhood, if you have attended Sunday School, you have heard over and over again, the story of the Children of Israel's exit from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Many questions have, naturally, come to mind concerning God's dealings with them. He was and still is a righteous and jealous God. When the Israelites obeyed Him He blessed them spiritually and materially, but when they disobeyed and murmured against their trials He repented He ever called them out.

First of all, you will recall how the people murmured against Moses because of the bitter waters of Marah. Instead of looking to God for help they blamed Moses for bringing them out to the desert to thirst to death. Hadn't God delivered them from the Egyptians? "If ye will diligently hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee".

Each time the Lord delivered them out of their distress the Israelites were content and cooperative until the next trial came along. Each time a trial came their way they wished they were back in the land they were delivered from—the land of bondage. At least, they had their flesh pots and bread enough.

As we recall how the Children of Israel turned from God to the golden calf when Moses was communing with God those 40 days, their behavior was abominable to Moses and in the sight of God. Moses was so wrath that he broke the tablets of stone and God was going to consume the people and make Moses a great nation. Moses besought God to remember His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, so God repented of the evil He thought to do against the people. God in His mercy kept His word, although He would have been just in destroying the people for the awful sins they committed.

While the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness, God established a way for them, protected

them from evil, went before them in battle, gave them the law and a remedy for their sins, and set up a tabernacle for worship. Yet when they finally reached the Promised Land they cried all night and murmured against Moses and Aaron because there were giants in the land and walled cities. They forgot God would go before them to make a way where there was no way. With all the experience they had had to now, they refused to trust God to overcome this next obstacle. What thoughtless selfishness! No wonder the Lord removed His protecting hand and let the fiery serpents bring havoc to the camp. Again the people had to turn to God for Divine help. And the Lord, being merciful, made another remedy.

These same trials the Israelites experienced can be applicable to our own lives. We go through places of temptation where it seems our very soul is hungry or thirsting for pleasures and desires which, if we look carefully, are placed there by Satan. God allows these very temptations, not to provoke or entice us, but to try our strength in Jesus Christ, just as men test a chain to try its strength. The chain is as strong as its weakest link, so Satan will always strike at our weakest point. The Israelites loved the easy way and comforts of life rather than to wait for God's way and fight their enemies. The way wasn't easy for them but with God's help they eventually got their Promised Land. If they had obeyed God they would have been there in 40 days instead of 40 years.

God is not a fierce and terrible taskmaster as many seem to think. He is a merciful and kind, long-suffering to usward. He shows us Himself in Jesus' life on this earth. His love and mercy are above our comprehension, so, although He appeared mean and terrible toward the Israelites He loved them with an everlasting love. When they obeyed and followed Him they were blessed both spiritually and materially, but always had failure whenever they forgot Him.

Just as we must work hard at school or at work to be successful so we must work hard to be a follower of Christ. The way is not

easy but through Christ's strength we can do it. As we study His Word and spend time in prayer we can meet our enemy and win the battle. John the Apostle must have thought about these same things for he writes in John 1:2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospereth."

TELL IT OUT

V. M. Foley

Tell out the sweet story of Jesus,
To the weak, the weary, and worn.
Tell out the sweet story of Jesus,
How for their sake He was born.
Tell how in stable so lowly,
In manger with straw for a bed—
By following a star in the heavens,
Wise men from the East were led.

Tell how in fields abiding,
Watching their flocks by night,
Shepherds from their sleep awakened,
Were awed by a wondrous sight.
Angels in the heavens were singing,
"Glory to God," was their song,
"In Bethlehem's city you'll find Him,
Jesus the Saviour is born."

Tell how the lad in the temple,
To doctors so wise and learned
Is teaching them more of the scriptures,
While His parents are homeward turned.
How when sought by friends so anxious,
And chided by them that came in,
Said, "Wist ye not my Loved ones,
The Father's work must begin."

Tell how He worked with Joseph,
The carpenter, day by day,
With saw and hammer and chisel,
He was only poor, they say.
Yet He was good and obedient,
An example to young and old,
Kind and loving and gentle,
Doing just as He was told.

Tell of the years that He labored,
Healing the blind and lame.
Touching the dead, bringing life anew,
Turning away none that came.
Tell, too, of the sorrows He bore,
Despised and rejected was He,
Homeless, afflicted, deserted,
All to save men, you and me.

Tell how Judas betrayed Him,
How Peter his Lord did deny,
How, too, with thorns they crowned Him,
That Herod gave Him up to die.
Tell of the Cross where they nailed Him,
Mocking His anguish and pain,
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
Tell how He's risen again.

Tell that one cloudy day re-appearing,
His loved ones His glory shall share,
The living, the dead, the world over,
Caught up to meet Him in the air.
Oh, tell to earth's countless millions
This story so wondrous and true,
Salvation's for all who believe it,
He'll save, praise God, even you.



STORYTIME

JESUS IS GOD'S LAMB

Mary Ellis

Nine dreadful plagues had come upon Egypt and still the king was stubborn, for he would not let God's people go. So our heavenly Father said, "I will have to send one more plague, then the king will let my people go." This was to be the most dreadful plague of all but our loving heavenly Father had to send it. He did not want any of His dear children to be hurt by it, so He planned a way to save them.

"Moses," He said, "the angel of death is going to pass through the land of Egypt at midnight and kill the first born child in every house, and the first born of all the animals. Tell my people to kill a lamb for every family, and then take the blood of the lamb and sprinkle it over the door of their house and upon the sides of the door, and when I see the blood I will spare them. The angel of death shall not harm them if the blood is over the door. And Moses, tell them they must pack up their things and be ready to march away, for I am going to lead them out of the land of Egypt."

That was a solemn day for the Children of Israel for they knew that dreadful punishment was coming on Egypt that night for their sins. And they also knew the awful punishment would come on them too unless they were careful to obey God. So the little lamb was killed, and oh how careful they were to sprinkle the blood of the lamb over their door and on the sides of it. After that, all the family went inside the house and stayed there. For our heavenly Father had said, "You must stay under the shelter of the blood. Let no one go out of the house until the morning."

The hours crept by until it was nearly midnight. At twelve o'clock the death angel would pass through the land, but the Children of Israel were not afraid. Their hearts were

quiet for the blood was over the door, and our loving heavenly Father had promised that when He saw the blood He would pass over them. Twelve o'clock came. The death angel went through all the land, and entered every house where there was no blood over the door, and killed the first born child. But he could not enter the houses where the blood was. What a dreadful time that was. In every house in Egypt there was somebody dead. From the palace of the king on down to the poorest little house, there was somebody dead. But in the homes of the Children of Israel there was not one dead for God had kept His promise. In the morning God led His people out of the land of Egypt, to take them to a beautiful land of their own.

Then our heavenly Father said to the people, "When you come into your own land I want you to do something. I want you to keep a feast every year. It will be the passover feast and whenever you keep it you will remember something. You will remember how the angel of death passed through the land to punish the people for their sins, but you were spared because the blood of the lamb was over your doors." And so the Children of Israel kept the passover feast every year until Jesus came and died for our sins. Then they did not need to keep it any more for Jesus is God's Lamb.

Can you guess why the Lord Jesus was willing to die for our sins? I believe you know. It was because He loved us so! How very very much God loves us! If all the big oceans in all the world were filled with love instead of water, still God loves us more than all that. The best way to know how very much God loves us, is to think of Jesus hanging on the cross at Calvary, bearing our sins. Then we know a little bit of the great

love of God for us. There was no other way to save us from sin. Somebody had to die for sin, sin is so dreadful. So our loving heavenly Father laid all our awful sins on Jesus and Jesus took all our punishment.

Aren't you glad that Jesus loves us so much? He thinks about us all the time. He loves to watch boys and girls while they are playing and while they are at school. He loves us so much He wants to be near us and help us in everything, even in our lessons and games. Oh don't you love Him! And don't you want to please Him!

The Children of Israel kept the feast of passover to remind them of the blood of the lamb over their door in Egypt. And how they were spared from punishment because of the blood of the lamb. We have something to remind us of the blood of God's Lamb, Jesus. Just before He went to Calvary, Jesus asked those who loved Him to do something in memory of Him. Have you wondered why some Sundays at church they have the Lord's Supper or the Communion? It is because Jesus asked us to do that in memory of Him. In memory of what His blood did for us at Calvary. He said, "Whenever you eat this bread, and drink this grape juice, remember that I died for you, and keep on doing it until I come back again."

Knowledge is power only under three conditions; if it is knowledge of things worth knowing; if it is known by a person worthy of using it; and if it be used.

Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid.

No backbone is stronger than its weakest vertebra.

CHRIST IN PROPHECY

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At last came two false witnesses, and said, this fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days."

Yes, the Christ of glory suffered blasphemy, yet He was silent when accused. Isa. refers to this in 53:7 "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not His mouth." The record says, Matt. 26:62 "The high priest arose, and said unto Him, Answereth thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But JESUS HELD HIS PEACE."

They took Him and smote Him with the palm of their hands and spat upon Him. Isa. 50:6 "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting." Fulfilled in Mk. 14:65 "And some began to spit on Him, and to cover His face, and to buffet Him, and to say unto Him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike Him with the palms of their hands."

The Lord suffered vicariously. Isaiah says "Surely He hath borne our grief and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Jesus healed all those that were sick and demon-possessed "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17.

We read in Isa. 53:12 that He was "numbered with the transgressors, yes crucified with sinners. The New Testament says, "Then were there two thieves crucified with Him, one on the right hand, and another on the left."

His precious hands and feet were cruelly pierced by the unprincipled soldiers of Rome. Psa. 22:16 reads, ". . . the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet." Jesus, speaking to Thomas aid, "Reach hither thy finger and hold my hands." Thus proving

that Jesus' hands and feet were pierced on the cross of Calvary, according to prophecy.

As our wonderful Lord hung their on the cross of Calvary, the vicious throng mocked and insulted Him. Christ's prophetic cry is found in Psa. 22:6-8 "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighteth in Him." Fulfilled in Matt. 27:39-40 "And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself, if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Through all this, our loving Lord did not curse them but said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Yes, He actually prayed for His enemies, thus fulfilling Psa. 109:4 "For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto Prayer."

Zech. 12:10 says that His side was to be pierced, "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced" fulfilled in Jn. 19:34 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." That cleansing blood of Jesus Christ gushed out as His heart was pierced. Jesus said, "This is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for the REMISSION OF SINS." Matt. 26:28.

Not one bone of His body was broken according to Jn. 19:33 "But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs." Thus fulfilling God's prophetic word, Psa. 34:20 "He keepeth all His bones: not ONE OF THEM IS BROKEN."

Prophecy further asserted that Jesus Christ the Lord would be buried with the rich. Isa. 53:9 "And He made His grave with the . . . rich in His death." Matthew referring to the burial of the Lord Jesus Christ says this, "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be

delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in His own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." The hymn-writer has penned these sacred words:

Low in the grave He lay—Jesus my Saviour!

Waiting the coming day—Jesus my Lord!

Vainly they watch His bed—Jesus my Saviour!

Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus my Saviour!

He tore the bars away—Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with His saints to reign,

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Thank God! The grave could not hold Him. Prophecy speaks of His resurrection. Ps. 16:10 "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." As the disciples went to tell the others of Christ's resurrection, Matthew says "Behold, Jesus met them, saying, all hail. And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him." Matt. 28:9 Peter, speaking of Christ's resurrection on the day of Pentecost, said, "He (David) seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption." Acts 2:31.

His ascension into heaven is also spoken of by the Psalmist, 68:18 "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them." The apostle Luke says as recorded in Luke 24:50-51 "And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." As they beheld Jesus disappear into

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"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN
THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH . . ."
(Ecclesiastes 12:1.)

GOD DIVORCES AND REMARRIES . . .

IS IT POSSIBLE?

By Evang. John D. Francis

God is Love! He is nothing else. "Love is not an attribute of God; it is the sum totality of all His attributes," said the scholar Campbell Morgan. His love is Divine and cannot be measured on the natural plain. When God loves, He loves FOREVER, and not for a day. His love is not lukewarm. Lukewarmness in anything is nauseating. Try sipping lukewarm tea! He loves without reservation. He loves without impartiality. He loves what we often do not love. His love is sufficiently big enough for the whole world, yet He loves ME. What hurts God most is to find the love of the loved one unreciprocal! But HE STILL LOVES.

He one day loved a slave girl in Egypt. "When Israel was a child then I loved him and called my son out of Egypt" Hosea 11:1. She was the scum of the earth to Egypt. She was the jewel of God's choice. She was fair and a daughter of miracle birth. But Egypt trod her fair neck and marred the softness of her heart and she was hardened. But God loved her with an Everlasting Love and in 10 miraculous signs of His love—the proof of His choice, He led her out of bondage and wooed her into the wilderness. She rebelled on oft occasions to His peculiar entreaties, but to the sound of a fanfare of trumpets and the giving of the Law by the disposition of angels and the voice of thunder that rent the rocks of Mt. Sinai, she was married! The articles of matrimony were then and the observance of her Husband's Law meant prosperity, health and peace. The love story of the ages had begun to blossom. Zion travailed and brought forth children

as the stars in heaven for multitude and as the sand on the seashore. But for all the love where-with GOD loved her she became as a backsliding heifer and a wife of whoredoms. Tragedy, that broke the heart of the greatest Husband in this world, fell upon this union. Hosea relates the love and heart-woundings in his 14 chapters. Hosea to me is like John's Gospel—full of love. "Love Divine all loves excelling", is displayed in the life of Hosea as a type of Almighty God. Let me suggest a full perusal of Hosea before even attempting to plunge deep into this ocean of love. It will only take a few minutes.

Hosea is the type of God.

His wife, Gomer, is the type of Israel.

Hosea gave to Gomer three children.

Two sons and a daughter. Ch. 1, v. 4, v. 6, v. 9.

These three children reflected the condition (spiritually) of Israel, in Hosea's time and prior to and afterwards.

Their names were Jezreel, Loruhamah and Lo-Ammi. Hosea is commanded to marry a wife of whoredoms (while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, and loved us). Gomer was faithful in bearing three children, but oh what sadness and sin in this home, is depicted and reflected by the names of the children.

JEZREEL—"telling of coming judgment." Already the shadow of judgment was being cast on to this union of Gomer and Hosea. Israel was reserved for wrath.

LO-RUHAMAH—"not obtaining mercy." Israel was failing in her calling. Mercy was shut out.

LO-AMMI—"not my people." Gone was the recognition of God. No communion. No tie. No relationship. But don't stop here dogmatist and declare Israel's complete disintegration. Better Paul's

TRUTH FOR YOUTH

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE



KNOW THE BOOK

Of Famous Leaders:

We're going to continue our study of the Old Testament this month, and we invite you to give each question your careful attention, and be sure to look up every reference for the correct answers. We will begin with Joshua.

Read Joshua 24. Joshua is an old man. His life is drawing to a close. In this chapter he recounts before Israel's leaders the victories of God on behalf of His people. What did the Lord say to Joshua as He commissioned Him? Joshua 1:8. What is Johua's testimony at the end of his life? v. 15.

The Books of Judges and Ruth.

Judges covers the period after the death of the great leader, Joshua, to the ascension of Saul to the throne of Israel. The people were ruled by Judges whom God raised up. This book covers the history of the first three hundred and fifty years in the land of promise.

Read Judges 2:11-13, 17, 19; 8:33-35. After all that God had done for His people, what was their attitude toward Him? Examine your own attitude; are you guilty of letting things such as popularity, prestige, etc., be your God? 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 1 John 2:15, 16.

Read Judges 6, 7. Many times God takes the weak things and shows His greatness through them. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. How is this true in Judges 6, 7? When God calls us to do a job, can we offer

any excuse? Joshua 1:9.

Read Judges 14, 15, 16. What was the thing that happened to Samson that made him victorious in every encounter? (quote from the Bible) See Zechariah 4:6.

Was it Samson's hair that was the secret of his strength, or was it the agreement that the hair represented? Judges 13:2-5. Does our strength, as Christians, lie in what we have, or in what He has? Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 3:16.

Read Ruth. This book is a beautiful love story illustrating how God takes those who are not members of His family, and through love brings them into His family as His own children.

Read Ruth. Ruth was a Moabite and could not share in what the Israelites had because she was not an Israelite. Because of Boaz' love for her, he made her a member of the Jewish nation through a love relationship. How does this picture our relationship to the Lord? (Write out your answer with appropriate verses.)

The Book of I Samuel.

Read I Samuel 1-2:11. What was it about Hannah's life that pleased the Lord to the extent that He gave her Samuel? What does God desire of us?

Read I Samuel 3. What was Samuel's response to God's call? I Samuel 3:10. When God calls you to do a job, what is your response?

Read I Samuel 4. In the tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant was a chest in which were kept the tablets containing the law. The children of Israel had made the Ark an idol rather than a symbol of the abiding presence of God. Too many times we make symbols of things of God . . . church, prayer, memorizing the Word, etc., rather than a means of pleasing God. What was the consequence of this misplaced devotion?

When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small parcel.

"LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH;
BUT BE THOU AN EXAMPLE . . ."
(1 Timothy 4:12.)



SENTENCE SERMONS

Subject: "Conceit"

He is not the best carpenter who makes the most chips.

The "big head" is an affliction of the upper part of the skull caused by feeding conceit into a vacuum.

You get some people's goat by putting on the dog.

There is one good feature about the folks who are forever talking about themselves: they don't have time to talk about others.

Narrow-souled people are like narrow-necked bottles. The less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out.

You can always tell a man of no importance by the way he stretches his neck to get in a group photograph.

There are two kinds of men: the self-made ones and those who have to listen.

Many a one-cylinder man drives an eight-cylinder car.

Christ sends none away empty but those who are full of themselves.

When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small parcel.

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heaven, they saw two men in white glistening apparel, "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Hallelujah! Jesus is coming back again and that literally. He has told us to watch for His coming and that we should occupy till He comes. Friends, there are over 375 prophecies that state that Christ Jesus is coming back to this earth literally. These promises are found in the New Testament alone. Many more are found in the Old Testament as well. Is this your hope? Are you prepared to meet Him? Have you accepted the Christ of Calvary as your own personal Saviour? If not, hurry it up. Make right your relationship with Him now. The Bible says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13.

I trust this grand study of God's word has thrilled your souls as it has mine. God's word is inspired and we say without the fear of contradiction that every prophecy that has not been fulfilled as yet will meet its fulfillment in the future. Let us believe His word. Trust in Him. Study to show ourselves approved unto God. The Lord bless you one and all.

REVELATION NOTES

(Chapters 2 and 3 Continued)

The Church Prophetically

As stated in the last issue, we are considering the churches in a three-fold way, historically, prophetically and practically.

In Daniel, chapter two, we have the prophetic picture of the political trend of our age. The trend is not upward but downward, gold, silver, brass, etc.

In Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, we have the prophetic picture of the Spiritual trend of our age. Again the trend is not upward.

Remembering that the Book of Revelation, including chapters 2 and 3, was written as prophecy (1:3) we are sure that it is right to apply the messages of the churches prophetically.

Ephesus, which means desirable one, represents the first century church age. Truly much was given

to this early church and much was required.

In John's day not only Ephesus but the church at large was already cooling in heart. What Paul had warned would happen was happening. Acts 20:29, "for I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

Smyrna, means myrrh, and represents the period of history from 100 A.D. until 300 A.D.

This period has gone down in church history as the age of the persecuted church. The age of many martyrs. The age when the Devil worked as a roaring lion. Many suggest that the ten days of Revelation 2:10 typify prophetically the ten persecutions of the Neros.

The name seems fitting also for "myrrh" is very bitter, and this was a bitter age for the true church.

Pergamos means married.

This represents period of church history from 300 A.D. until 600 A.D. The period of the mixed church. The period beginning when Constantine embraced Christianity resulting in the marriage of the church and the world.

The Devil changed from working as the lion to working as the deceitful Serpent.

Thyatira means continual sacrifice.

This represents the period from 600 A.D. until 1500 A.D. Romanism and Mohamedanism had their beginning in this age. The dark ages followed with ceremonies, works, ritual and sacrifices all added to the finished work of Christ.

Sardis means remnant.

This represents the years between 1500 A.D. and 1700 A.D. when Protestantism came to life. Protesting against the darkness of Romanism.

Very soon however, it became a dead thing with a name but without power.

Philadelphia means brotherly love.

Representing the church of true believers until the time of the Rapture. The church with a "little strength" and the "open door".

Think of the open doors of radio, printing, TV and travel, etc., that the church of today has that ages

past knew nothing of.

Laodecia means the rule of the people.

This represents the false profession of modernism predicted by Paul. "A form of godliness but denying the power thereof."

At Ephesus Christ is in the midst; at Laodecia He is outside knocking at the door. (3:20)

Thus the prophetic picture of the trend of the age is decline.

Please read carefully and prayerfully the following scriptures:

Two Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:3, 4; 1 John 2:18; Matt. 24:37-38.

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MOTHERHOOD . . . ITS RESPONSIBILITIES!

Mrs. Hazel F. Brisco

While much is being said about motherhood, its virtues and blessings, I felt I would like to share with you of my thoughts, and talk to you Christian mothers of our responsibilities. There are tremendous issues revolving around our God-given trust of motherhood. It has been said that home is the basis of the church, and that the church is the backbone of the community. A nation's moral standard is judged by its women. A woman's power for evil can be traced in the life of wicked Jezebel. A woman's influence for good can be seen in the history of Moses, who chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to be a prince in the house of PHARAOH. (Heb. 11:25.) How faithfully as she acted as his nurse in that Egyptian court his mother had discharged her duty and instilled in her son the fear of the LORD.

God's Word gives us some poetry that an unnamed mother taught to her son, Lemuel. Read the entire chapter for yourself (Proverbs 31). True her son had inherited

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and damnation and the fiercest wrath of God Almighty! Dear one, God suffered more in his heart for you than one in the fiercest flames of wrath! Listen to Him groaning in Ch. 11:8, "How shall I give thee up? Mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together." God's heart literally burned. At one season God says "I will pour out my wrath upon them as water," then in ch. 11, verse 9, He says, "I will not execute the fierceness of my anger." How troubled was He? Then He resolved on progressive chastisement. In Ch. 5, v. 12, He says, "I will be unto Ephraim as a moth." A moth is so insignificant but how destructive he can be. In Ch. 13, v. 7-8, "He will be unto them as a lion . . . a leopard . . . bear bereaved of her whelps . . . then as a wild beast. Marvelous revelation! Listen and take note! Compare this judgment with Daniel 7 v. 4-7. Israel was to suffer under the four kingdoms of Babylon, the Lion, Medo-Persia, the Bear, Grecia, the Leopard and Rome the Wild Beast. This is unmistakeable identity. (Cp. Rev. 13:1-3.)

Now, dear one, for all this Ephraim still rebelled, therefore God Divorced her. In Hosea 2, v. 1-2, God the Husband says "She is not my wife." "I will go and return to my place . . ." Ch. 5, v. 15. Isa. 50, v. 1, "... whom I have put away . . ." Israel was put away for she was a harlot. Ch. 2, v. 5. Is all lost?

Yet wonders of wonders (I cannot fathom His love) immediately He resolves on a plan that is amazing. Carefully follow His great design. He says, "I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her, and I will give her, her vineyards from thence and the valley of Achor for a door of hope, and she shall sing there as in the days of her youth." Ch. 2, v. 14. Then after his wooing He buys her back again from adulterous captors for a sum that is incredible. Ah! but you say, this is impossible for what God wrote of old defeats such a plan. For no one can re-marry unless either of twain dies. Hosea

Chapter 3 gives the answer. "So I bought her to me for 15 pieces of silver and for an homer of barley and a half homer of barley." Now, in Jewish economy a homer is 10 Ephas and a $\frac{1}{2}$ homer is 5 ephas, added together makes 15 ephas which is in silver 15 pieces. Together with the other 15 pieces of silver the total is 30. That is the price paid for the death of the Husband in Jesus on Calvary. Sold —for 30 pieces of silver! "Amazing love, how can it be, That thou my God shouldst die for me." Hallelujah! Paul ably, under the Holy Ghost, pleads Christ's cause in Romans 7:1-4. Ah, but, unbeliever you say if He's dead, He is dead and cannot marry! Christ is risen from the dead, "Wherefore my brethren ye are become dead to the Law by the Body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is risen from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4. Glory! Now read the confirmation of this fact. In Hosea 2:19 God says, "I will betroth thee unto me forever . . . in righteousness and in judgment and in (mercy) loving-kindness and in mercies . . . I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness." In Ch. 14, v. 4, "I will heal their backsiding and will love them freely." "And it shall come to pass in that day saith the Lord that thou shalt call me ISH (i.e. my Husband) and shalt call me no more BAALI." Ch. 2, v. 16. "Thy Maker is thy Husband." Isa. 54:4. "Thou shalt no more remember thy widowhood." Isa. 54:4. And with one glorious burst of complete avowal to His Wife—that is, every soul who receives this report, is washed in His blood and accepts Him as their Saviour and Redeemer) He says, "I will sow her unto me in the earth and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy, and will say unto them which were not my people, thou art my people, and they shall say, Thou art my God." Ch. 2, v. 23. Amen. There is not a greater Husband than Jesus. Be ye married unto Him! For ye are bought with a price! Amen.

BE MOST URGENT IN PRAYER FOR GRACE TO GROW LIKE HIM."

PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF

By Mrs. E. W. Storie

John 3:16 is a scripture that is used more than any other scripture in the Bible and yet so few believe it in the fullest sense, I quote it: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This doctrine is, without doubt, taught in the scripture and if men were not too proud to humble themselves to it, it would be believed universally and received as being truth. We will all say that God is unchangeable, therefore if he loved us enough to put away our sin by the sacrifice of himself, he must have a purpose in saving us. If we be chosen of God and precious, then we are chosen forever, for God says he changeth not. Those whom he hath ordained he hath ordained to eternal life, "and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of his hand." Not even ourselves, as some will say we can, but my God is stronger than man and if God hath chosen me to be a king and priest unto God forever and ever, come what may, "who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are MORE than conquerors through him that loved us (yes, through him that loved us, not of ourselves). For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." What a strong statement and yet saints will doubt that God is able to present us faultless before the throne of his glory. I don't know how he is going to present me faultless when I look at myself, but when I look at God's Word I believe it in spite of what I see in me, "No good thing" except my Lord who dwells within me and is going to complete the work he began in me. We read in Gal. 3:3,

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the unusual power of a prince, but her noble heart desired to teach him early in life, true values and virtues. The old axiom to be forewarned is to be forearmed. So at his mother's knee he learned to sing, "Give not thy strength to women . . . it is not for kings to drink wine . . . who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." She desired to teach her son that in order to one day treasure a happy honorable marriage he must choose a virtuous girl, not simply a happy hilarious partner.

Someone wrote a woman's home is her throne, her children her jewels, and her virtues her body-guard. "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." (Proverbs 31:11.) A mother loves and lives for those she loves. "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband, but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones." The first responsibility then for us as mothers is deep affection for those in our household. One poet wrote, "Every house where love abides, and friendship there is guest, is surely, home, sweet, home, for there the heart finds rest." Just as surely as God hath ordained man to be head of the home, and head of the woman (I Pet. 3:1-7) God has given us the sweet privilege of laboring in love for we are the heart-beat of the home.

There are shining examples of mother love in the scripture but to my mind the one incident recorded where it is relating the wisdom of Solomon is most touching (I Kings 3:26). "O my Lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it." Her heart broken and torn with the thought of being deprived of her own son, she would sacrifice her claims to him, and let the other woman have him, rather than see him slain.

The next responsibility I would like to mention is the business of being a homemaker. To make a success will require as much diligence as any other career or undertaking you might launch upon. (Prov. 31:13) "She worketh willingly with her hands". It is no tedious task to care for those we

love. We may grow weary in body, but how often when a mother is even ill, will she try to continue on and wait upon those she loves. The Word also exhorts us to a Word of economy. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

Susannah Wesley is not remembered, only as she is mentioned in connection with her sons. But her sons, John and Charles, are known the world over. Surely the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Our hopes are in our children.

In my library are many items on child culture. But the best authority we have on the subject is the Book of Books. This Book teaches us that we will comfort our children. (Isa. 66:13) "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." We may comfort by our very presence at times. Then we can add our words of endearments and tender actions. But sometimes child culture means more than this. It also calls for correction. This is not always easy. It means disciplining ourselves. But the Word says, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest, yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" and "forsake not the law of thy mother." Prov. 31:26 told us, "and in her tongue is the law of kindness." How much we are going to have to call upon the God of all grace, if we are to exercise Christian virtues in our own homes. Someone once made the remark we are no more Christians, or no better Christians, than we are in our own homes. It is no great spiritual triumph to stand in church and bring a burning testimony, but it is a spiritual triumph to remain patient and sweet and kind when we are weary and still faced with the little irksome tasks of everyday existence.

The Word says, "train up a child." This means more than taking him or her to Sunday School. It means conducting family devotions faithfully in our own home. The Apostle referred to the unfeigned faith of Timothy which was first found in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. (II Timothy 1:5.) Samuel's mother is a beautiful example of a mother's dedication of her child to God. B.

"training up a child" means showing "the law of kindness" to those in our charge.

How often I have recalled those precious moments when we stood so solemnly before the Lord, with little Alan, and gave back to God the little life He had entrusted to us. But how often since that time have I felt the need of a deeper dedication of my own life to the Lord, that Alan may see in me the "law of kindness". Mothers, let us dedicate our lives afresh to our God-given responsibilities. As mothers let us ask Christ to inspire us to our very fingertips, "with the law of kindness" for our home, our husbands, and our family. May God bless you.

WHOSE PRISONER ARE YOU?

By Mrs. Chas. Kingsfield

The other day I opened my Bible and casually began to read the first chapter of Philemon, and while I am sure I have read it a hundred times before, I never had noticed what Paul was really saying in that first verse, and I was prepared to argue with him a little. He addresses himself to Philemon as the prisoner of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Somehow I had always thought of Paul as being the prisoner of the Roman government, delivered there by the hatred of his own countrymen, the Jews, and I wanted to say, "Paul, you have made a mistake, that chain you wear was forged by a Roman blacksmith, the man to whom you are chained is a Roman soldier. You are in prison by the order of Caesar, and by the will of your Jewish brethren." But Paul takes an entirely different view of the situation, and he says, "I am a prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ, I am here by the express will of God." I am sure that Paul never knew the reason for his imprisonment, and a lesser man would no doubt have felt very sorry for himself and have thought that this treatment was a poor reward for having given his life unreservedly to the Gospel, and might even have become very bitter toward the Jews, and felt that God was very unfair to him. But Paul's imprisonment seems only to have increased

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"Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? In the first place we were unable to save ourselves, so how do we suppose we could keep ourselves saved.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. We are children of God, not by our works, but by faith in Christ Jesus.

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ imagine the only way they can keep saved is by keeping themselves saved. We have many a laugh at the expense of those kind of people who trust in their good works to keep saved when we are told in the scripture that it is not by works but by faith in him who gave himself a ransom for many. It is the Gift of God, and he does not expect us to work for that gift. To work for the Lord is expected of all of us but not to obtain salvation or to keep saved, after we have been "justified by faith". "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." And if by grace, then is it no more of works, otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works then it is no more grace, otherwise is no more work. If it were of works there is room for boasting of man, but when it is through faith, there is no boasting of man. Therefore boasting is excluded, that no flesh shall glory in his presence.

There are those who are not willing to accept this simple statement without modifying it. Thereby they do not only lose the assurance that might come to themselves, but they rob others of the assurance which is needed by everyone of God's children. Someone said God's hand is not an open hand. It is a hand that holds. When a father or mother holds the hand of their small child to lead them safely through some place of real danger that father or mother will not let that little hand go even though the child might try to pull away. We have often seen cases of that kind in the streets. Do you

believe that father or mother is more interested in their children than our Heavenly Father is interested in the welfare of his children? "No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

It is true that as far as those who have been saved are concerned, they are still saved whether they understand it or not. It is a precious truth to know without a shadow of doubt we are assured of our eternal glory with our Saviour who made peace for us through his sacrificial death on the Cross. Some preachers will admit they believe the security of the believer but they would not teach it as it may cause saints to live a loose life. There seems to be a small number of persons who make use of the doctrine as a licence to sin. There are not many of these, but those there are, are being held up high as proof that the eternal life message is something to be shunned. Sometimes it causes one to doubt if such persons ever have been saved. That question God alone can answer. It is not fair to judge a Bible Doctrine by the lives of men who try to use it as a cloak. To point to things like that one may say they will not use the real things in life because there are counterfeits.

The Bible teaches that "grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." "That being justified by his grace we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable", but not to obtain salvation or keep saved.

Salvation itself is not an outward condition, but a heart relationship with God. As a result of it come outward expressions. In the lives of some these are more manifest than in others. The scripture bears this out, Romans 15:1, "We then that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak", so by that we see there will be weak ones. The weak ones will do things that are not pleasing to God, but at the same time they

are children of Light. Jesus said, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

Romans 14:10, "But why dost thou then judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall ALL stand before the judgment seat of Christ. The judgment seat of Christ is for the believers in Christ and they will not appear at the Great White Throne Judgment. That is for the unbelievers. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God, give account of our stewardship as to whether we suffer loss or gain, whether we will be ashamed at his coming and wish we had been a living witness for our Lord and not a stumbling block to the unsaved as many are because they do not live "Godly in this present world".

"Oh! the love that drew salvation's plan.

Oh! the grace that brought it down to man,

Oh! the mighty gulf that God did span

At Calvary.

Praise Him from whom all blessings flow! As I write these lines I am listening to a record by the McColl-Gerard Trio: "I've Been With Jesus And I'm FREE." No longer by sin I am bound, the precious blood maketh me Free, this freedom in Jesus is found. My what a large subject! We could go on and on and not exhaust it, but space will not permit.

KNOW THE BOOK

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Read I Samuel 8, 9. The people wanted a king. What was God's answer? Many times God will give us our request, but the consequences are tragic. Psalm 106:15. Notice how this is true as you read on.

Read I Samuel 13-15:1, 26. Why was Saul rejected by the Lord? What was Saul's main problem? How does Samuel's word rebuke the attitude of Saul? I Samuel 12:24.

Read I Samuel 31. As you have read the material covering Saul's and Samuel's lives, what would you say were the things that characterized their lives, and what was it about their attitudes that made them a success or failure? II Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 62:5.

CHRIST IN PROPHECY

By Rev. A. Kudra



Christ, speaking to the religious element of His age made this statement, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, FOR THEY ARE

THEY WHICH SPEAK OF ME." Jn. 5:39. We're going to take Christ at His word and search the Scriptures to produce a prophetic portrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Word is a harmonious whole—comprehensive. We have here "a more sure word of Prophecy". This record, the Bible, is the infallible, inspired, immutable Word of God.

We are now going to enjoy a Scripture feast and see where Christ was enfolded in the Old Testament and unfolded in the New. In other words we are going to bring out the prophetic aspect and its fulfillment.

About 4000 years before Christ was made manifest through His incarnation, a remarkable prophecy was uttered by God as recorded in Gen. 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the women, and between thy seed and her seed, It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel." This verse is the seed plot for all prophecy. It is the first Messianic promise recorded in the Bible. It met its fulfillment when the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, came to die for the sins of humanity. The fulfillment is recorded in Gal. 4:4, "But when the fulness of the times was come, God sent forth His Son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

The Saviour was to descend from the tribe of Judah according to Gen. 49:10, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between His feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the People be." Luke, speaking of the Lord's genealogy writes thus: 3:33 "Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, WHICH WAS THE SON OF JUDAH." Again prophecy

was fulfilled to the letter hundreds of years later.

Prophecy asserted that He was the heir to the Throne of David. Isa. 9:7, "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." We read in Matt. 1:1 "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the Son of Abraham." This connects Him at once with two of the most important of the Old Testament covenants: the Davidic Covenant of kingship, and the Abrahamic Covenant of Promise.

Christ's place of birth was given hundreds of years before He was born of a virgin. Let's read Micah 5:2 "But thou, BETHLEHEM EPHRATAH, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting". Matt. 2:1 reads, "Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea."

Prophecy asserts that Christ was to be born of a Virgin, Isa. 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign, Behold a virgin shall conceive and shall bear a son and thou shalt call His name Immanuel." The fulfillment is recorded in Matt. 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 1:23 is a direct quotation of Isa. 7:14 explaining the meaning of "Immanuel" which is interpreted, "God with us".

In Deut. 18:15, we are told, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken." Fulfilled in Jn. 6:14 "Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that PROPHET that should come into the world." Christ thus came as THE PROPHET spoken of by Moses.

His rejection by the Jews is also predicted. Let us turn to Isa. 53:3 "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and

acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; he was despised, and we esteemed Him not." We read in Jn. 1:11 "He came unto His own, AND HIS OWN RECEIVED HIM NOT."

Here are some of His characteristics as recorded by Isaiah the prophet, 11:2 "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, the Spirit of COUNSEL AND MIGHT, the Spirit of KNOWLEDGE and of the fear of the Lord." Luke says 2:52, "And Jesus increased in WISDOM AND STATURE, and in FAVOUR with God and man."

The Lord's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem was foretold by Zechariah the Prophet, 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass." This scripture met its fulfillment many years later. We read in Jn. 12:13-14 they "Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet Him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when He had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written."

His betrayal by Judas Iscariot is also foretold. Psa. 41:9 "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me". Mk. 14:10 reads "Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray Him unto them."

He was sold for 30 pieces of silver as prophesied in Zech. 11:12 "They weighed for my price 30 pieces of silver." The fulfillment is recorded in Matt. 26:15 Judas asked the High Priest, "What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for 30 pieces of silver."

Jesus was apprehended by the Sanhedrin and false witnesses accused Him. The Prophetic Word says in Psa. 27:12 "Deliver me not over until the will of mine enemies for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breath out cruelty." We read in Matt. 26:60-61 ". . . Though many false witnesses came, yet found they none.

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SOME STRANGE THING

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but the day of Pentecost puts the church into operation on the body of the harvest. Nevertheless, let me ask you, was the day of Pentecost the finish of the harvest or just the two wave loaves of the first fruits of the great ingathering? Lev. 23:17. Three thousand souls were added to the church on the Day of Pentecost, but we read in Acts 4:4 that five thousand believed, and the great harvest of souls had not ceased and will not cease until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. This being true, the Holy Spirit will be poured out as long as there is a harvest, because the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is power for service. Notice the statement of the Lord Jesus before He departed from His disciples. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Pentecost was the endowment of Power for laborers to go forth into the harvest fields, and this power is needed today in this sinful world.

WHOSE PRISONER ARE YOU?

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his love for his brethren and his zeal for God. I am sure that many of the believers of Paul's day must have felt that it was a great tragedy for the great Apostle to be wasting away in a Roman prison, when there was such a great need for the Gospel to be preached and for the believers to be comforted and encouraged. Paul apparently did not know that he was to spend the rest of his life as a prisoner, and I know he must often have wondered why God chose to keep him such, but because of his great faith and confidence in God he never once complained of his lot nor questioned the wisdom and goodness of God.

Paul firmly believed what he told the Roman believers in Roms. :28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Now it certainly didn't look as though this prison experience could work out for Paul's good—it ended with his head on the block

—but he never expected it to work out for his own personal comfort or good. He had no selfish desires and his only concern was for the Cause of Christ. He did not say that all things would work out for good FOR us, he said that all things would work out FOR good TO us who LOVE the Lord. He firmly believed that all things would work out for good for the cause of Christ to those who really loved God and the Gospel more than their own selfish desires. Paul never knew the great good that came from his prison experience, he could not know that his pen would reach more, and do more for the cause of Christ, than his words could ever do, but by faith he rested in the knowledge that God would do all things well, therefore Paul was a willing prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joseph was another willing prisoner who rested his case with God and believed that God would work all things together for good, though he did not know that his incarceration would be the salvation of his brethren, the very ones who had delivered him to prison.

Faith in God sustained these prisoners during their trials, and faith in the same God will sustain the modern "prisoner". It is, of course, impossible for you to understand the reason for your "imprisonment" but when you learn to rest in God and trust in His Word, then worry and fear will leave, and you will become a joyful prisoner.

Faith will bring God's blessing and great good into the life of the believer for the glory of God, but fear, which is faith in reverse, will bring evil and torment. Job said, "The thing that I feared came upon me." It is God's will for every believer to live without fear. It is his will for every believer to live a happy, victorious Christian life, but unbelief in the heart too often prevents the will of God being carried out. We fear so many things. We fear sickness and pain, we fear unemployment and financial losses. We fear insecurity and failure, when all the time God has provided a way for us to live without fear and worry. Fear and unbelief prevent God working out his will in the believer. Jesus said that he could do no mighty work in Capernaum because of their

unbelief. Now his power was not diminished in Capernaum, but unbelief prevents the power working.

When I was a child I loved the water and always wanted to become a good swimmer, but somehow I just never managed to excell at all, but one thing I did—I learned to float. I discovered that if I would just lay down and relax, and trust the water, that it would hold me up without any effort on my part. As long as I trusted the water and remained completely relaxed the water held me, but the moment I became the least bit afraid, the water was powerless to do anything for me, and I began to go down. The water never changed, its power and its willingness to hold me were always the same, but fear in my heart sometimes kept me from enjoying the rest it offered, until I learned to trust it in spite of the waves that would sometimes come dashing over me.

Fear is the only thing that prevents one from floating, and fear is the only thing that keeps a believer from enjoying the promises of God. When we have learned to float out on the promise of God, and completely relax and believe, and know, that underneath are the everlasting arms, we can enjoy the rest of the faith. Believer, lay down on the promise of God and trust it; it will hold you up. David said, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear NO evil." There may be evil all around, but the trusting believer can walk through without fear, because he trusts the Shepherd who goes ahead. God has not promised to keep the believer out of the valley of the Shadow, but he has promised to take him through.

It is impossible for the believer to know the reason for God's dealings, but the one who has complete faith in the Shepherd never questions his wisdom but like Paul he can sing as loud in the prison as he could in the palace, and be happy to be "The prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ."

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